



Business Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Asst Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, MSA Pete Parrish and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Voter Pamphlet – The pro committee submitted their statement and as far as is known, there was no con committee.

State Fire Chiefs – The chief attended two days of the state fire chiefs' conference where an increase in apparatus pay for state mobilization was approved. Also a fire defense meeting was held at the conference where the chiefs discussed the concern of state requirements for volunteers on mobilization.

Annual Newsletter – Commissioner Tubbs and Lt. Miller are once again working on the annual newsletter. There is a lot of work put into this process. It should be out in late June.

Sno911 – There was a special meeting of Fire Tac, which is the committee that works on operational input to our 911 center. At this meeting Sno911 informed us of a critical personnel shortage where they are no longer able to staff all the fire dispatch positions. We authorized the East County Fire Channel to be merged with North County fire during the evening hours between 1900 hours and 0700 hours. Sno911 is actively recruiting for dispatchers, and like many having trouble filling positions. Fire Tac will meet further to consider other dispatch models that can allow for personnel shortages.

OPERATIONS

Drone Program: The new drone was purchased and placed it in service this week; its designation is UAS 55. It is currently assigned to Chief Walters' rig, but we will be establishing a schedule for all the drone operators to have an opportunity to have it assigned to them.

We are currently working with the county and various other entities to establish standard operating procedures and training standards for all drone operators in Snohomish County.

Station 53 Repairs: This last week, multiple contractors came out to look at replacing the doors and repainting the exterior of the station. We have received one bid so far, and expect others in the near future. The goal is to upgrade most of the interior doors that lead to sensitive areas of the station to improve security, replace the rear exterior doors, and paint the exterior of the station this summer.

Excursion: The catalytic converter was replaced on the Excursion.

Wood Chipper: We are writing a policy/guidelines for the new chipper before putting it in service. We have contacted Leavenworth Fire (Chelan County #3) and Wenatchee fire departments and have received sample policies from them.

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)All ESO electronic health reports (EHRs) have been assigned to the QA team through May. The EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This project is still ongoing.

EMT Training- No update.

Continuing EMS Education- No update.

CPR Training- 2 CPR classes, 1 BLS training, 3 First Aid/CPR in the community. 14 students canceled this month.

Personnel- Dakota Fenter continues to work through the certification process.

May ALS coverage 84% (115.5 hours not covered out of 744 total hours). Covid has been a contributing factor to coverage.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Burn Facility Development – We are applying for the land disturbing permit so we have that in hand when we go out for bid. Chief Spence is working with Bill in going out to bid for the project.

Recruitment – Captain Thurston and several members attended the Sky Valley Volunteer Fair for recruitment. Over the next week we will be interviewing 15 possible new members, one from the fair.

Wildland Academy – Captain Coulson had 11 attendees for the initial wildland course and certified 8 of our members. We have approximately 20 people on the wildland team this year which is similar to last year.

Monthly Training – This month's drills are focused on swiftwater awareness and trail rescues to

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prepare for the busy season coming up.

Academy – Recruits just finished the wildland class and are now moving on to HAZMAT for the next few weeks, finishing up around the 19th of June.

IT – Security Cameras are installed at the tow yard training grounds to help protect everything stored there. Two MDCs were replaced in the Battalion vehicles. Starlink RV arrived and will be getting installed. We will be able to shut off the Starlink internet when the command trailer is not in use.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. The annual report was completed.

Budget

Currently at 47%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the May minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 249 through 294 for \$162,302.26, and voucher 5 from the Construction Fund for \$4760.50. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$86,305.07. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Bill and Leigh attended the District 5 meeting in May. Leigh summarized the history of ALS responses and the current contract with District 7, and our desire for a similar contract between our two departments.

Bill will meet with Commissioner Fox for further discussion.

Regarding the public comment at the May meeting, Chief Andrews has drafted a procedure for assigned vehicles as follows: Permanently assigned vehicles must be stationed within 20 minutes of the district, and able to respond if needed. Chief Spence will return his vehicle until he again lives within 20 minutes of the district.

Leigh attended the Chelan conference and reported that there were a number of interesting speakers. She suggested that the district look into bias training.

Long time volunteer and secretary Linda Larsen has passed. There will be a celebration of life at Prospectors.

Next regular meeting July 13, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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